

JOHNSON REUNION

At Elden Park, Cincinnati Where
Many People of Breckenridge
Gathered.

This article appears through the kindness of Rev. S. C. Bates, of Harrison, O., (Boone County Record.)

There was a pleasant gathering in Elden Park, Cincinnati, in which a number of people in Boone county will be interested. Some time ago the following card was sent out generally to the Johnson descendants:

JOHNSON REUNION.

Edan Park, Cincinnati, O.,
July 4th., 1906, 10 a. m.
All the descendants of Samuel Johnson and Elizabeth Moffett are invited to spend the day together in a picnic and Reunion.

You are requested to do three things.
1. See that a complete list of your branch of the family is made out and sent to me, indicating who are living and who have died.

2. Notify all the relatives of this reunion, and urge them all to be present.

3. Notify me that you will be present, and be present with a basket well filled, determined to enjoy yourself, and help others enjoy themselves.

Provisions will be made for those who cannot bring their own lunch.

There is shelter if it should be rainy. Arrangements will be made to keep all those over night who can not return the same day. Take the Zoo-Edan Park car at any point from John street east, or transfer to that car, and leave the car at the Art Museum.

Let us have a good time and get acquainted.

Sincerely yours,

S. C. Bates.

Harrison, O., May 15, 1906.

Enough responses came to make sure that there would be a good attendance. There were present 74 people, 57 direct descendants, 13 who have married into the family, and 4 friends. Nine of the original families were represented. The four that were not represented all live some distance away, they were Samuel, John, James, and Nancy. The only member of the original family present was Burton S., the youngest, who is now 69 years old. Among those who came from a distance were James S. Finnell and Vardeman Finnell and two daughters, of Maxwell, Ind., Rolmon M. Johnson of Liberty, Ind., and Miss Berrilla Bates, of Louisville, Ky.

After a bountiful repast, spread under the trees in the park, the company was called to order and the following paper was read by Rev. S. C. Bates, Ph. D., of Harrison, Ohio.

Greeting (to the Johnson Family.)
There are four things that enter into our purpose in gathering in this beautiful park to-day.

1. We meet to do honor to the memory of one of Nature's noblemen, one who helped to subdue the forests, and make the nation.

2. We meet to recount the history of the family, and try to know more of the character and attainments of our kindred.

3. We meet to renew old acquaintances and form new ones among our own flesh and blood. I presume there is not one present who came with a personal knowledge of all who are present. I hope not one will go away without a personal acquaintance with every person present, secured by at least a cordial hand grasp.

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4. Then we meet to confer together to gain better ideas, and return to our homes determined to be better men and women, more worthy of the heritage which is ours.

Samuel Johnson was the son of Jonathan Johnson and Mary Summers, the sixth child in a family of three sons and six daughters. He was born in Pennsylvania, and was early brought to Kentucky, into the region known as the "upper counties." Elizabeth Moffett was born in Breckenridge county, Kentucky, the youngest of a family of three sons and three daughters. Their names were Benjamin, William, John, Mary, Ann, and Elizabeth. The only one known to the writer was John, who was known as "Uncle Jack," and who had traveled extensively, and told many interesting things of the parts of the world he had visited.

The three sisters married men named Samuel, and were all great grandmothers of the writer, and related in various degrees to all of those present.

Samuel Johnson and Elizabeth Moffett were married May 8th, 1808, and removed to Boone county, Kentucky, Dec. 31 1801, settling first within one mile of Walton, almost exactly at the site of the Canning Factory. They afterwards removed to a farm about 2½ miles west of Walton, where they lived for many years. Mr. Johnson farmed, and for many years ran a water mill on a small stream near his home. Grandmother died in 1870. Grandfather spent his time after this in the home of Elizabeth Finnell near Maxwell, Ind., where he died in 1875.

During the period from 1837 there were born to them 13 children, 10 sons, and 3 daughters. Until about 1864 there had been 6 deaths, Jonathan, Wm. Mary, John, James, and Levi. Then for about 30 years there was not a death in the family except the parents. Then three of the sons were taken near together. Benjamin, Samuel, and Thomas. Two sons and two daughters remain with us, Nancy, Elizabeth Greene and Barton. These are the four youngest except that Levi was younger than Nancy. All these 13 had children of their own, and there are children of all of them now living. It would have been a great delight to have with us today representatives of all the families, but some live too far away. A great part of the descendants have remained in Boone county, Kentucky, though some have gone into Indiana, and Ohio, and into many of the states west of us. They are now living in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, and probably other states.

The families range in size from 2 to 13. Jonathan and Levi had two children each, James 3, Nancy and John 4, Benjamin and Elizabeth 5, Mary and Burton 6, William 8, Samuel, 9, Thos. 12, and Greene 13. The thirteen had 79 children, of whom 58 are living, and 21 dead. Complete statistics have been furnished of all the families. These statistics show a total, including the 13 children, of 540—416 living, and 124 dead. The largest family is that of Samuel with a total of 84, the smallest is that of Levi with only 10. Our people have lived quiet lives engaged in civil pursuits. Only two were in the civil war, Samuel, and his son Lillard. Three of the grandsons of Samuel are now in the U. S. Army. John and Charley Johnson, sons of Lillard are in Alaska, while Nathan, son of James, is in the Philippines. These five are all of the entire connection who have ever enlisted in the army. The writer of this sketch is the only one of the family that has entered, what is called, professional life. Others have been farmers, mechanics, merchants, teachers, bankers and real estate dealers. They have lived honorable lives in their several communities. I do not know of any case in which one of the family has been convicted for crime. They have been respected, and have exerted an influence in favor of the best things.

Grandfather and grandmother were members of the Baptist church, and that church has had a larger representation than any other, though their descendant are now found in the Methodist, Presbyterian, Disciples, United Brethren, and Catholic churches, and probably in others. Minor civil offices, such as School Directors, Road Supervisors, and Magistrate, have frequently been held by them, but no instance had been reported where one of the family had been elected to a prominent office. None of the family have been wealthy. Probably Grandfather made a good use of his business opportunities as any of his descendants. A number of these descendants have been considered well to do in their neighborhoods, and I have never heard of a case where one of them became a public charge.

Abe Lincoln said, "The Lord must love the plain people he made so many of them." We and our ancestors have belonged to that great class.

I trust this meeting will enable us to become better acquainted, and lead us to cultivate the acquaintance of our relatives more in the future.

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ended here may we all meet in the great Home beyond, as children of one father, and members of one family.

After this paper it was decided to have another Reunion at Walton, the second Saturday in August, 1907, and the following Committee was appointed to have the matter in charge, George Powers, John Richard Johnson, A. M. Johnson, and J. B. Arnold. The writer was appointed Secretary, and would be glad to be kept informed of any changes in the family during the year, especially in the way of births marriages and deaths.

After a delightful time together the party dispersed, some going immediately to their homes, some to spend the remainder of the day at the Zoo, or other city attractions, some to visit friends, and all feeling that it was good to meet and become acquainted.

S. C. Bates.

The End of The World

of troubles that robbed E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Ia., of all usefulness, came when he began taking Electric Bitters. He writes: "Two years ago Kidney trouble caused me great suffering, which would never have survived had not taken Electric Bitters. They also cured me of General Debility." Sure cure for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints, blood disease, Headache, Dizziness and Weakness or bodily decline. Price 50c. Guaranteed by Severs Drug Co.

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Startled the Doctor.

An Aberdeenshire doctor who recently attended a woman was somewhat staggered at receipt of the following epistle from her: "Please come and vaccinate the child you gave birth to last week."—Caledonian Medical Journal.

A Phrenological Point.

We have never yet seen a captain of a variety crew who possessed a poor or retreating chin, a weak or turned up nose, a small neck or a diminutive brow or irresolute eyes.—Phrenological Journal.

No man's abilities are so remarkably shining as not to stand in need of a proper opportunity, a patron and even the praises of a friend to recommend him to the notice of the world.—Pliny.

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Major Hamm, editor and manager of the Constitutionalist, Eminence, Ky., when he was fiercely attacked, four years ago, by Piles, bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, of which he says, "It cured me in ten days and no trouble since." Quickest healer of Burns, Sores, Cuts and Wounds 25c at Severs Drug Co.

Debs' Statement.

St. Louis, July 30.—Eugene V. Debs, former presidential candidate on the Socialist ticket, in a speech at Riverside park advised workmen to free Charles Moyer, W. D. Haywood and G. A. Pettibone, the three Denver miners confined in jail in Idaho, at any cost. "More than a million workmen in the United States will rise up and demand that these men be liberated," said Mr. Debs. "I will be at the head of this million to assist in liberating them by bloodshed, if necessary, but peacefully if possible."

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The locomotive of the "flyer" was thrown from the rails and plunged into the Hudson river. Fireman Mills was killed outright and Engineer Edward Wells, whose home is in the Bronx, New York, was so badly injured that he will die. Fifteen passengers were seriously injured and a score of others received minor hurts. The most seriously injured are: Edward Kelly, Poughkeepsie, will die; Mrs. Augustus Herath, Schenectady; Mrs. Warren Reynolds, Peekskill, N. Y.; Oxford Peters, Schenectady; Henry Taylor, Poughkeepsie. The injured were taken to Highland hospital at Matteawan. All the doctors at Poughkeepsie and this place were called.

Hard rains undermined the embankment on the east side of the tracks, and shortly before the arrival of the train two score tons of earth and rock slid out on the roadbed, covering the northbound track.

REBELS

Capture a Walled City in China. Movement Serious.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 2.—Advices were received by the Empress of Japan that the rising in Kiangai and Chenkiang provinces is becoming a grave movement, and many believe the rising will assume similar proportions to the Taiping rebellion. Hsin-chengsten, Chokiang, a large walled city, was captured by the rebels, looted, and a garrison of 5,000 left to prepare the city to withstand a siege by imperial troops. Several corps of imperial troops have been dispatched. Magistrate Sheem of Msincheng was put to death, being tortured in revenge for having summarily beheaded a rebel leader. It was this act which caused the rebels to gather at Sunghien to attack the city. The Roman Catholic and Protestant churches were destroyed, and although the native pastors escaped, six converts were murdered. Large bodies of disbanded soldiers are affiliated with the rebels.

Expenses of Bryan Reception.

New York, Aug. 3.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the William J. Bryan reception committee it was decided to issue reserved seat tickets to Madison Square garden, where Mr. Bryan is to deliver his address. The building has a seating capacity of 12,000. Lewis Nixon reported that about a thousand prominent Democrats had been invited. The question of whether any reserved seat tickets at all should be issued was discussed at some length, but the suggestion of the finance committee that the whole house be ticketed prevailed. Alex. Troup, treasurer, reported that the expense of the reception would be not less than \$10,000. Clifford Breckenridge of Arkansas was elected to the executive committee.

Mrs. Corey Granted Divorce.

Reno, Nev., July 31.—A divorce on the ground of desertion was awarded here to Mrs. William Ellis Corey, wife of the president of the United States Steel corporation. The case was submitted to the jury without argument, and the jury took but one ballot. It was out but a few minutes. Mrs. Corey was in tears when told that she had been given a decree and the custody of her 16-year-old son, Allan Corey. She drove at once to her home on Riverside avenue, where she says she will continue to reside. No evidence was submitted by the defense and there was no argument.

Woman Killed by Jealous Man.

Garrett, Ind., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Guy Cannon, who since securing a divorce took the name of Mattie Hopkins, was killed by Edward Black, who fired three bullets into the woman's head and then beat her with the revolver until her scalp was torn to shreds. Mrs. Cannon was keeping house for Black, who was employed at the roundhouse of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway company. Jealousy is said to be the cause. When arrested Black had \$6,000 in his pockets.

Governor Folk's Views.

Madison, Wis., July 30.—Governor Folk, of Missouri, who spoke at Moana Lake, criticised the non-enforcement of the Sunday law in Wisconsin. He said "Wisconsin has on the statute books a law requiring the closing of saloons Sunday. The law is universally ignored. The enforcement of the Sunday closing law, in Missouri, reduced Sunday crime 40 per cent, and improved the condition of workmen and business generally."

Bad Conditions at Colon.

Colon, Aug. 1.—The month of July has witnessed a series of heavy rains on the isthmus which have hampered the work of sanitation in Colon. The conditions are worse than ever before. Preparations are being made to pave the principal streets of Colon with brick. Two more cases of small-pox were discovered here.

General Oku's Promotion.

Tokyo, July 31.—General Oku has been appointed chief of the general staff of the Japanese army in succession to General Baron Kodama, who died July 22. General Oku commanded the left army during the Russo-Japanese war and achieved a series of brilliant victories.

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